

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF FEES ASSESSED FOR)	
SERVICES RENDERED BY PROBATE)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
COURT INVESTIGATORS AND)	NO. 2003-024
ACCOUNTANTS)	
_____)	

The Probate Fund was established by Administrative Order No. 94-042, pursuant to the authority granted the Presiding Judge by A.R.S. § 14-5433. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 14-5314 and 5414, the Superior Court may charge the estate reasonable compensation for investigator and accountant services in protective proceedings and in the administration of decedents' cases if the court pays for these services. These fees are collected by the Clerk of the Court pursuant to A.R.S. §§14-3722, 5314, and 5414, and are deposited into the Probate Fund. Expenditure of the funds is governed by A.R.S. § 14-5433 and Administrative Order No. 94-053.

Since November 1, 1994, the Superior Court Probate/Mental Health Department has assessed fees for services rendered by probate court appointed investigators and accountants in protective proceedings when the Court pays for the service. In addition, pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 14-3722, the Court may assess fees for services rendered by probate court appointed investigators and accountants in the administration of decedents' cases when the Court pays for the service. The Court has determined that additional monies are needed in the Probate Fund to enable it to preserve, audit and safeguard the estates of wards and decedents for whom the Court has a fiduciary responsibility, and that an increase in the fees assessed for probate court investigator and accountant services is therefore reasonable and justified. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that a Court Investigator Fee of \$350.00 shall be paid by the estate at the time of filing a Petition for the Appointment of Guardian and/or Conservator in adult protective proceedings, or as may be ordered by the Court in the administration of decedents' cases. A Court Accountant Fee of \$250.00 shall be paid by the estate when a Petition for Approval of Accounting is filed in conservatorship and decedents' cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these Court Investigator Fee and Accountant Fee increases shall become effective April 1, 2003.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2003

Honorable Colin F. Campbell
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Barbara R. Mundell, Associate Presiding Judge and Presiding Probate and
Mental Health Judge
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